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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #3

The department conducted an aerial survey this morning covering Sitka Sound north of Cape Burunof and Salisbury Sound. Spotting conditions were good. No herring were visible from the air. Whales and sea lions continue to be concentrated in the offshore areas west and north of Crow Island. An increase in sea lions was noted near Lisianski Point and Harbor Point. Seine vessels surveying the area today reported that some of the biomass of herring seen in the trench west of Crow Island the past several days appeared to be moving out of the trench to other areas. A test sample was obtained from north of Old Sitka Rocks with the following results:

Old Sitka Rocks: 60 tons; 5.9% mature; 10.4% immature; 200 gram; 59% female.

The next aerial survey will occur tomorrow. Several test vessels will be on the grounds tomorrow to take additional test samples.

Permit holders wanting to make practice sets may do so in the deeper waters of Eastern Channel south of Jamestown Bay.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below, and on a recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009.

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